

SENATE RESOLUTION 100

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Katy Ellen O'Neal, 2007 Valedictorian of Scott High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Katy Ellen O'Neal is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Scott High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Katy O'Neal has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. O'Neal has earned an exemplary 4.3214 grade point average, was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and represented her school as a delegate to Volunteer Girls State; and

WHEREAS, a scholar and an athlete, Katy is a four-year member of both the Lady Highlander's basketball and track and field teams, as well as a member of the Beta Club, the Science Club, and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Neal has been selected as a Tennessee Scholar and honored as an Academic Achiever by the *Knoxville News Sentinel*; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Katy has participated in the Nancy Swain Watters Memorial Walk, volunteered with the Mid-County Fire Department, aided the Relay for Life program, and served as President of the First United Methodist Church youth group; and

WHEREAS, Katy's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Neal's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Paul and Suzanne O'Neal, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Katy O'Neal's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Scott High School Valedictorian, Katy Ellen O'Neal, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.